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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Dear Sir:

On January 5, 2005, a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally was filed in this application, accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time of three (3) months and the extension fee of \$1,020. A copy of that Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

This application was subsequently revived, and as the attached Decision on Petition reflects, the extension fee submitted on January 7, 2005 was not required. Therefore, it is hereby requested that a refund in the amount of \$1,020 bc credited to the deposit account of the undersigned: Deposit Account No. 50-2664.

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In re Application of Nikoonahad, et al. Application No. 10/666,120 Filed: September 19, 2003 Docket No.: TNCR.001US4 **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

: DECISION ON PETITION

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed January 7, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned June 23, 2004 for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action mailed March 22, 2004. The Notice set a three (3) month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 were timely requested. Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 9, 2004.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision reviving the application, the application is again

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abandoned in favor of continuation application No. 10/948,514 filed September 22, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Therefore, no extension of time fee is due in connection with this petition. The extension of time fee submitted herewith is thus unnecessary. Petitioner may request a refund of the \$1,020.00 extension of time fee submitted January 7, 2005 by writing to the Finance Office, Refund Section. A copy of this decision should accompany any request for refund.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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ENCLOSED:

1. Request for Refund (in duplicate);

2. Copy of previously requested Petition for Extension of Time;

Copy of USPTO Decision on Petition.

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